

## UNCLE SAM'S GOOD OFFICES.

Will Be Accepted by Spain in Behalf of Peace.

## THE WAR MAY BE STOPPED.

The Usual Number of Christmas Crimes and Casualties.

## MORE TOLL GATES DESTROYED.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—It is semi-officially announced that Spain has accepted the offers of the United States government for mediation for the purpose of terminating the Cuban war.

While this announcement is made only semi-officially it is believed to be correct. It is well known that the best of relations exist between the Spanish government and the administration at Washington.

## Frozen to Death.

Richmond, Ky., Dec. 26.—George, a young man from this town, was frozen to death last night. He had been drinking.

## More Gates Gone.

Versailles, Ky., Dec. 26.—Toll gate raiders destroyed two more toll gates to this county this morning.

## Coal Mines Burning.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—The Springfield coal mines, the largest coal mines in the world, are on fire. The loss will be enormous.

## Jail Delivery.

Falmouth, Ky., Dec. 26.—A jail delivery took place here last night. The jailer is after the escaped convicts with a posse.

## Killed an Officer.

Paris, Ky., Dec. 26.—John Howe, a negro, killed Officer Lacy, of Cincinnati, who endeavored to arrest him here today. The negro escaped and is now being pursued by a mob, who threaten to lynch the negro if he is caught.

## All For Love.

Lancaster, Ky., Dec. 26.—Albert Coley, a prominent farmer living near this town, committed suicide this morning. The cause of his rash deed is said to be unrequited love.

## Chambers is Alive.

Metropolis, Ill., Dec. 26.—Thos. Chambers, the negro who was run out of Mayfield Sunday night, is here in this city. The mob burned down Chambers' cabin, thinking he was inside; but he is alive and well.

## Another Christmas Death.

Harlan C. H., Ky., Dec. 26.—News has reached here of the death of a coal miner who was killed last night in a fight, in a barroom about ten miles from here.

## NEWS ITEMS.

In Brown county, Kas., a newly named Bryan have had a new holiday christened McKinley.

In the course of two days' shooting at Buckburg recently the German Emperor killed twenty-nine stages.

William Lyman, of Middlefield, Conn., who died a few days ago, was the inventor and now the father of the Lyman gaslight, in use all over the world.

Mr. Trentanove, the sculptor, is on his way to this country from Florence with the finished bust of James G. Blaine, which he modeled last winter in Washington.

George W. Cable expects to sail for England in a few weeks. He has made arrangements to give public readings from his works in London and the provinces.

At a public meeting of citizens, held under the presidency of the lord mayor at Belfast, it was decided to erect a statue of the queen in commemoration of her majesty's reign. The cost will be \$25,000.

Sir Henry Koppell, 87 years of age, is now the senior Admiral in the British navy list, but Sir Alexander Miller, who is 90 and who entered the navy eighty years ago, is the oldest Admiral and the one who has served longest.

No part of a tree can be removed from the grounds of Holyrood Palace without the permission of the queen. One, dating from the reign of Queen Mary, was recently blown down, and before the gardeners could touch it a photograph had to be forwarded to the queen, who formally ordered its removal.

Silas A. Hudson, first cousin of General U. S. Grant, died last week in Burlington, Iowa, aged 81 years. He was a co-worker with Horace Greeley on the New York Tribune, and with George D. Prentice on the Louisville Journal, and was appointed by President Grant in 1869 Minister to Central America.

Charles T. McClenahan, an authority on Free Masonry, who for twenty-nine years was employed in the New York department of public works, died last week. Mr. McClenahan was born in 1829. For his knowledge of Scottish Rite Masonry he was known all over the world. He was the author of several books on Masonry.

It has been discovered that three of the figures in a stained-glass win-

dow of a rural English church—the subject representing King Saul and his counselors—are life-like portraits of Lord Salisbury, Mr. Gladstone and the late Lord Beaconsfield. The king himself is Thomas Carlyle, while the David has the head and shoulders of Adeline Patti.

According to the Superior (Neb.) Journal, Bert Serf of the Doune College football team, on leaving Crete for a game at Lawrence, made a comrade good-bye, and added in a solemn tone that it might be the last time his friend would see him alive. The friend told of the incident, and some of Serf's friends, for a joke, draped his chair in mourning, and had just hung on the back of it a card reading, "Rest in peace," when a dispatch came saying that Serf had been killed in the game.

Ferdinand de Lesseps, one of the younger sons of the creator of the Suez Canal, and who is serving as a subaltern officer in the Thirtieth Chasseurs, has apparently inherited the passionate temper and fiery disposition of his celebrated father, for he has just fought a duel with a fellow-officer of his regiment at Bezers, which resulted in his running his sabre through the lungs of his adversary, who succumbed a few hours later. It is understood that the encounter originated in a slighting remark passed by the dead man upon the father of young de Lesseps.

## HOLIDAY MISHAPS.

Similar to Last Year, There Were Few.

One Young Man May Lose His Eyesight—Other Misfortunes.

Several days ago the Paducah doctors began sharpening their instruments and laying in a big supply of bandages and cotton and other supplies, in anticipation of Christmas accidents. They were greatly disappointed, however, for the accidents, at least those of a serious nature, can almost be counted on one hand.

Yesterday afternoon the three year old daughter of Dick Jones, who resides at 1403 South Fourth street, was seriously injured by her dress catching fire while she was standing in front of the grate. Her mother was in the room and smothered the flames as quickly as possible. Dr. T. E. White was called and found the child to be badly burned about the face, neck hands and body, but an examination today discloses the fact that the chances of recovery are good.

Last night a gang of boys engaged in the alluring but dangerous sport of fighting a battle with Roman candles on West Jefferson street.

Robert Hays, it seems, was captain of the victorious side and no wonder did he make it for the opposing forces that one of the boys got mad and began throwing rocks. Hays was struck on the head by a sharp stone and painfully cut. When Dr. White stitched up the wound the boy looked like a stuck hog.

A practical joke proved disastrous for Conductor Billy Estes yesterday. He carried a giant fire cracker in his overcoat pocket which some would-be joker touched off.

The conductor attempted to throw it out, but it exploded in his hand and disabled him probably for several days, fearing it up pretty badly.

Yesterday afternoon George Koerner, a well known young man residing near Gipsy Husband's farm, was firing a small cannon. One big charge of powder, instead of going out the proper place, went out the back end and struck Koerner in the face. It is thought that his right eye is destroyed and his left badly impaired, and in addition his face is horribly disfigured and discolored. Young Koerner was brought to the city and had Dr. J. G. Brooks dress his wounds. He is only one of the many young men who have been disfigured for life as a result of gunpowder explosions.

## MARRIED AT CREAL.

The VanDe Male-Gray Wedding Thursday Night.

CREAL SPRING, Dec. 25.—Mr. Victor D. Van De Male and Miss Samuella Gray, both formerly of Paducah, were married at the Ozark Hotel here last night. Dr. Nolte, of Creal, officiated, and Mr. Alf Bolins, of St. Louis, nephew of the groom acted as best man. Mrs. Stephanie Bolins, sister of the groom gave away the bride. Martin Phillip Bolins read the Lohengrin's wedding march as the bridal party proceeded into the parlor, which had been beautifully decorated by Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Stanley of the hotel. An elegant banquet followed the ceremony.

Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dolph, Mrs. S. R. McGinnis, Miss Harriett Bentley, Mr. Earnest Denison, Mr. Leon Denison, Mr. Sherman May, Mr. George Benson, Misses Frances Chase and Mary Bentley, Mrs. Maude Bainbridge, and Mr. Morris Baer.

The couple took a short bridal tour.

Notice.—The gentleman who rented a ladies bicycle from us Thursday afternoon will please return same to Paducah Cycle Works.

## Wedding Thursday.

David Owens, a farmer of the county, and Belle Bland, of the city, and Washington Jackson and Fanny House, all colored, were married Christmas eve night.

## A MOB AT OWENSBORO.

Alexander Holt Lynched There This Morning.

## HANGED IN COURT HOUSE YARD.

The Death of Policeman White Arranged.

## THE MURDERER WAS BEING TRIED.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 26.—Alexander Holt was hanged this morning by a mob at 2 o'clock. Holt was the colored man who shot Policeman White on the afternoon of Nov. 4.

Several negroes were congregated together in front of a saloon and blocked the pavement; White went up to the gang to disperse them and Holt shot him without any provocation at all. It was a deliberate and cold blooded murder. White lived but a few hours.

He was a popular officer and his death aroused tremendous excitement. Holt made his escape, but about two weeks afterwards was arrested in Louisville and taken back to Owensboro. It was then feared that he would be lynched, but the people concluded to allow the law to take its course.

When Holt's trial came up at the present term of court his attorneys endeavored to get a change of venue; but the court voted against that. His trial was in progress when court adjourned for Christmas and there is every reason to believe that he would have been convicted and sentenced to death.

At about 2 o'clock this morning a mob came to town, went to the jail and called the jailer to the door. He suspected nothing and answered the call. As he opened the door he was seized and the keys taken from him. The jail was then entered and the brutal murderer was dragged from his cell. He was taken immediately to the court house yard where he was hanged.

The mob was quiet and orderly and numbered about two hundred men; they were all from the county. After Holt was hanged the mob left, having been in Owensboro but little over half an hour.

Great excitement prevails. The action of the mob is denounced by all the best citizens.

## GROOMS FROM MARSHALL.

Go Far Away For Their Christmas Presents.

Went to Russellville After Their Brides—Married Last Night.

There was a double wedding at Russellville last night. The respective grooms passed through the city yesterday forenoon en route to Russellville to claim their brides. They were Mr. Harry Bryant, a son of Judge Bryant, postmaster at Koko, Marshall county, and Mr. Tom Hartford, a prominent young school teacher of Seale, Marshall county. The two young men were married respectively to Miss Susie Gilbert and Miss Carrie Tourqueur, two highly respected young ladies.

The two couples returned today en route to their future homes in Marshall county.

## THE POOR FARM.

The Epworth League Brightens It Up.

Christmas Celebrated at All the Public Institutions Yesterday.

Christmas was appropriately commemorated at the county poor farm, Home of the Friendless, City Hospital, jail and city prison, as well as the railroad hospital and other public institutions. Sumptuous dinners were served at all of the above named places, and Christmas at the poor house was more enjoyable than ever before.

The committees of magistrates accompanied the Epworth League of the Broadway M. E. church out to the poor farm, and everything good to eat procurable was taken out. The unfortunate inmates greatly enjoyed the unexpected treat.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

The Jury Discharged and Court Adjourns.

The Prisoners All Sentenced—Little of Interest Done Today.

The criminal term of circuit court adjourned this afternoon and there will be a week's holiday until the beginning of the civil term the first Monday in January.

The petit jury was finally discharged today, and little of interest was done. In the injunction suits of the Paducah Water Co., the Paducah Gas

Company and the Paducah Street Railway Co., to restrain Sheriff Holland from collecting taxes on franchise. Judge Bishop sustained demurrer of the defendants, but granted the plaintiffs leave to amend, which really has no significance.

The motion for a new trial in John L. Johnson's case was overruled, and the defendant asked and was granted an appeal. He was sentenced to eight years.

The motion of James Hardin for a new trial was deferred until the January term.

The case of the Linehan Transfer company against Sheriff Holland to enjoin him from collecting taxes, the plaintiffs claiming that they had already paid taxes on their boats at Dubuque was thrown out of court. Judge Bishop sentenced all the prisoners late this afternoon.

## ALL TALK.

Two Important Railroad Rumors Disproved at Last.

The N. C. & St. L. Depot Will Not Be Abandoned—The New Train Rumor False.

The atmosphere has been rife with railroad rumors for the past several months, and our local contemporary especially has been very assiduous in publishing rumors and then having them "confirmed" in a day or two. One of these rumors was that by January 1, the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis road would run its passenger trains into the union depot. This projected plan did not materialize and the N. C. & St. L. trains will not run into the union depot, not now and perhaps never, so far as known now. There are several reasons for this, one of which is that the Louisville and Nashville failed to ratify the N. C. & St. L. lease.

Another "confirmed" rumor was that the Illinois Central would soon begin running through trains from Chicago and St. Louis to New Orleans via Paducah, transferring on the river here. There never was any foundation for this rumor, and it is as absurd to a person who is familiar with the impossibilities and infeasibility of the plan, as anything could be. The Osborne, to begin with, would not carry only the big through trains and would have to make through trips, entailing a delay of an hour in fair weather, and in windy weather, whenever ice was running in the river the loss of time would be incalculable. So there two rumors at least, are so glimmering by the approach of New Year.

## BAD WRECK.

Eight Freight Cars Piled Across the Track.

On the Illinois Central Above—Wrecking Crew Sent Out.

A disastrous wreck occurred this morning at 6:25 near Montgomery Tunnel, on the East end of this division of the Illinois Central, occasioning a delay of over an hour and a half of the train due at 12:10 this afternoon.

Freight train No. 255, engine 585, Conductor R. S. Wheeler and Engineer Anderson, with twenty-four cars, was partially derailed by a broken rail. Three loaded and five empty cars were piled upon the main track, but fortunately no one was injured.

A wrecking train, with the usual crew, was sent out this morning, with Trainmaster Flynn aboard, to clear away the wreck.

## TOM CHAMBERS.

Who Was Run Out of Mayfield.

Turns Up at Metropolis, Where He Is Now Living.

Tom Chambers, colored, whose house was burned by a mob at Mayfield last week, is now in Metropolis, pursuing the even tenor of his way as if nothing whatever had occurred. Chambers kept a blind tiger at Mayfield, and a man named Bolin, a rival in the business, took a gang of toughs to the man's house one night when excitement ran high, but Chambers took Bolin's pistol away from him and shot him, inflicting but a slight wound.

The cowards set fire to his house, and it was at first reported that he was burned with the structure, but this proved untrue, for he is now in Metropolis, and the people there have their eye on him.

## AN IRATE MAN.

The Boy Ought Not to Have Been So Careless.

Eph Seebree, colored, looked like a mule had kicked him when arrested this afternoon on a warrant charging him with a breach of the peace.

Seebree gave himself up, and says that yesterday he was walking along Broadway when George Robertson, a boy who works in Diehl's, threw a large fire cracker at him, which exploded against his neck. He was released until tomorrow.

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## POLICE COURT.

Quite a Number of Christmas Offenders.

## ONLY ONE DRUNK--A WOMAN.

Two Petty Thieves Held Over—One Larceny Warrant Dismissed.

## A QUIET CHRISTMAS, IT SEEMS.

Judge Sanders did not have a long session of police court this morning, and the most remarkable feature was that there was not a single man charged with drunkenness. This was not, however, because no one was drunk, for it was just the reverse. It was very charitable in the officers, however, to let everybody celebrate in a manner that suited them best.

George Smith, a colored express driver, was arrested yesterday on a charge of grand larceny, specifically of stealing a basket of presents, etc., from Mrs. Martha Clement. The goods were afterwards found on a Cumberland river boat, however, where the defendant had taken through mistake, and the warrant was promptly dismissed.

Chas. Summers, a young white man, was presented on a charge of abusing Mrs. Laura Jackson and the annoyance of her family on East Jackson street. He also pointed a gun at her, but said it was only in fun, and that he simply told her to look down the barrel.

Judge Sanders said the ignorance of the defendant was appalling, and at his request continued the case until Monday.

James Moore and Will Holland, colored, and both from the county, were charged with stealing from Noah's Ark.

The first pleaded guilty and the other said he didn't intend to take the articles away without paying for them.

Both were held over in the sum of \$100 to circuit court.

Sam Johnson, colored, was arrested for firing blank cartridges yesterday. Prosecuting Attorney Reeves said that he was satisfied that everybody else did likewise and that he was opposed to prosecuting the defendant. Judge Sanders said he did not feel like fining him. Hence he went free.

John Lydon, who had a fruit and confectionery stand alongside Lang's drug store, was tried for obstructing the sidewalk. He claimed that he had a license and that the license inspector stated that no trouble would be encountered as a result. This, the license inspector claimed, was a mistake, however. There were two warrants, but he was fined only one, \$2.00 and costs.

Signora Tyson and Tillie Mills, and Lulu Carrs and Lama Young, colored, were charged with committing a breach of the peace. The first two had a fight and also the last two. They were fined \$1, \$2 and \$10 and costs respectively.

Bertie McClure, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$15 and costs. It was Christmas or she would have gotten \$20.

Fryan's First Text. From Globe-Democrat.

Mr. Bryan will deliver his first lecture this week in Georgia. His title is "Ancient Landmarks," which may or may not include the cross of gold, the Chicago platform, and the shells of the eggs that cost the Popocrats twelve electoral votes in Kentucky.

## Married at Metropolis.

Miss Delia Lewis and Mr. J. Compton, two well known young people of Metropolis, were united in marriage yesterday at that city.

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